

## GET A PERMIT TO CUT TREES

TREES ON HIGHWAYS UNDER JURISDICTION OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS WORD.

Many people are not aware that they cannot cut trees within the public highways without making themselves liable to a fine or imprisonment. In the extra session of the legislature of 1921, a law was passed making it a misdemeanor to cut trees or shrubs within the limits of the public highways in the State of Michigan without a permit from the authorities having jurisdiction over such roads. The State Highway Commissioner has jurisdiction in the case of State Trunk Line and Federal Aided Roads, and Commissioner Rogers is determined that the law shall be strictly enforced as far as such roads are concerned in which he has the co-operation of the State Department of Public Safety and the county highway authorities.

Some violations of this act have been noticed due to land owners cutting trees along their frontage in the absence of this law. It should be understood, however, that the law makes no exceptions and any land owner who cuts trees in the highway along his land is liable to arrest, fine or imprisonment.

Somewhat similar laws have been passed in other states consistent with a progressive conservation policy. The people, not only of Michigan but of the whole country, are beginning to realize that the conservation of our tree growth is a vital necessity and there is a strong sentiment for the planting and preservation of trees along the highways. While trees add greatly to the beauty of a region, they are valuable to the land owners and to the public at large for many reasons. Trees temper the climate and protect the land from washing; they give shelter to the birds, the farmers' best friends, they serve as windbreaks to protect his crops; they furnish fruit, nuts and other food products and when properly conserved furnish a perpetual supply of timber. They add shade and beauty to the highway and add value to the adjoining farm lands by making farm homes more attractive. This may be a sentimental value but it is none the less real for it is a well known fact that land with trees is more desirable for a home than land lacking this natural attraction.

Michigan derives a large revenue from the summer tourist traffic and the conservation of her tree growth is absolutely essential to retain and increase this tourist and resort business. It is expected that this new law, which not only protects existing roadside trees but also authorizes the planting of desirable trees and shrubs will materially increase the beauty of the highways and benefit the public at large as well as the abutting property owners by making the state more attractive to its residents and to the ever increasing number of people who spend their summer here.

### BRECKENRIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Will Tryon, who recently sold their house on Third street to Mrs. Youngs, have moved into the house on Fourth street, owned by Mr. Frank Sexton, recently vacated by E. F. Grover and family.

Alfred Sexton has finished his course at Ferris Institute at Big Rapids and is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dorris Sexton.

Miss Margaret Drake of Albion College is spending the week at home with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Drake.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter on East Saginaw street, a son who will answer to the name of Richard.

The Misses Ellen and Edith Doty spent the week end at Bay City, the guests of Miss Emma Gates.

Mrs. William Bissell who has been visiting her children here for the past week returned to her home at Elwell Friday evening.

Miss Constance Hopkins of Alma spent a few days last week visiting old schoolmates in Breckenridge.

William Wagon of Wheeler is the new Pere Marquette flagman in this place.

E. F. Grover and family have moved into the Clark Mills house on Third street.

Mrs. Ward Doyle was hostess to the Young Ladies Sewing Club Wednesday afternoon. A very pleasant afternoon was reported by the Ladies. Light refreshments were served.

Mrs. Elizabeth Boyle and Mrs. Phelps of Wheeler were visitors in town Saturday evening.

Ralph Chisholm spent the week end at Brown City.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wolverton and two children of Traverse City are visiting their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Breckenridge of Saginaw came Saturday evening to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Flora McCall.

Mrs. Agnes Crawford was in Riverdale Sunday evening.

### MANY ATTEND SERVICES

Large numbers are attending the evangelistic services which are being held nightly at the First M. E. church. Rev. Duffey, pastor, in arranging for the services secured a number of outside speakers for various meetings, and with special music the services are attracting far more than ordinary interest. They will be continued throughout the coming week, and everyone is invited to attend any evening or every evening.

### DIVORCED LONG-DEAD WIFE

Chinese Merchant's Action Due to Belief That Her Spirit Caused New Helpmate's Illness.

How a Chinese merchant divorced his wife after she had been dead for several years is the gist of a story which appeared in the Chinese press recently.

A Soochow tea merchant, the narrative says, by the name of Tzu-hu, had taken a second wife some time after the death of his first. As a result of the second union a daughter was born. Several days after giving birth, the young mother was taken ill and grew worse and worse as time went by.

All sorts of healing methods were tried without avail and it was feared that the young wife would die. At last a woman was called in and gave the opinion that the spirit of the man's former wife was causing the illness. Prayers were then offered to the dead wife, but still there were no signs of the living wife's recovery. The woman then suggested that the husband draw up a deed divorcing the dead wife just as if she were alive. This the husband, for a time, refused to do, but was later prevailed upon to do so in order to save his second wife's life. The deed was then taken to a temple and burned on the altar.

Immediately afterward the living wife showed signs of recovery and was soon her normal self again.

### DEMAND IS FOR SPECIALISTS

Versatile Man Has Little Chance of Rising to Really Commanding Position in the World.

The versatile man has always been a source both of envy and of pity, says a writer in the London Daily Express. We wish at times we had his talents, but then we recollect the ancient proverb, "Jack-of-all-trades," and we wisely are content to be ourselves.

Versatility is an enviable luxury—but it remains a luxury. It is of little market value in this world. Each generation becomes more and more a generation of "specialists"—one man picks the hops, the other brews the beer.

So it is in every path of life, and so must be. Progress does not come of floundering delicately "canbusses and kings" in my lady's drawing room. Progress comes from getting our teeth and mastering one thing at a time.

Once we have struck our roots, then, certainly, the wider our interests are, the more we appreciate life. But the merely versatile man has never struck his roots. His talents may be varied, but he fails to savor life in its finest sense because he has never learned the meaning of the finest sense.

Do one thing with all your might and happiness is yours. Do two things with half your might and your labors are vain. Make up your mind what you want to do or be. Then refuse to be led away by side issues.

### Dice Used by the Ancients.

Dice, in some form or other, have existed in every period of history and in every nation. They are depicted on the early Egyptian monuments, and these excavated at Thebes are very similar to the dice made today. Their use is attested by laws regulating the games played with them in ancient Greece and Rome, as well as in most European countries.

The invention of dice is attributed to Palamedes, about 1244 B. C. But the use of cubes with numbered sides for gambling purposes is probably much earlier.

The Latin word for dice, tesserae, is derived from the Greek tesseres, Ionic for tesseres, four, because it is on every side square. Frequent passages in the works of ancient writers and numerous representations in marble and paintings show how popular dice playing was among them.

### "Shape" of the Sky.

What is the apparent form of the vault of the sky? There is probably no one to whose eyes it seems a true hemisphere, with its zenith appearing as distant as the horizon. At sea, or in a flat country, the seeming greater distance of the horizon is best shown. One authority, in discussing this question, reaches the conclusion that the form of the vault, in vertical section, is that of the segment of a circle, the arc of which subtends at the center an angle of the order of 30 degrees. If the reader will draw such a segment, he may be surprised by the amount of flattening, which is thus ascribed to the sky. From this optical illusion many curious effects arise, such as the seeming increased magnitude of the sun and moon when near the horizon, and the apparently oval form of halos and coronas seen at low altitudes.

### Criminal's Fatal Slip.

A curious error, due to the criminal's ignorance of science, actually kept the evidence of one murder intact for 12 months. The murderer, after killing his victim, a woman, placed the body in a dry cellar and covered it with chloride of lime. He thought the lime would destroy the identity of the body, whereas it did exactly the opposite. The body was in such a good state of preservation a year after that the medical experts had no difficulty in establishing through it the vital clue to the crime and the criminal. If the man only had mixed some water with the lime he might have escaped detection.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"Some men are bashful when it comes to meeting their obligations," remarks an exchange. This may be because they are financially shy.

Coming—"Robinson Crusoe"—advertisement.

## THE INFLUENCE

By MOLLIE MATHER.

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Alan had never dreamed that a growing daughter could prove such a problem. When Josephine's mother died at her birth, Alan was relieved in the thought that his child's future would be secure in sister's care. Tilda, the elder sister, had raised him in his orphanage and Tilda would be competent to raise his daughter, so thought Alan; but he had not counted upon the difficult temperament of his child Josephine.

Josephine's mother had grown up in the vicinity, and when Tilda approved of their comradeship, and approved also, of the first Josephine's domestic ability and gentle manners, Alan condescended heartily with her views, and his early marriage followed. Josephine, the daughter, grown to early young womanhood, possessed neither her mother's domestic tastes nor amenability. Josephine was adventurous, she had views, and she was apt to be interrogative. Alan, traveling afar upon business interests which carried him, grew vaguely troubled. Tilda's complaint, upon his home coming, was that of a new friendship in which her charge persisted.

"It seems," Tilda told her brother, "that the affair has been going on longer than I suspected. Probably this infatuation is responsible for many of Josephine's wild views. An infatuation I call it."

"A man?" her brother impatiently questioned.

"My, no," Tilda replied, "I almost wish it were a man, he would probably knock some of the nonsense out of the girl's head; Josephine's divinity is a woman, a mysterious sort of person who has reared the Well's bangtail for the summer. She looks like a motion picture actress, and spends her time playing the harp, selecting to notice no person in town save Josephine. Why Josephine, I have been unable to determine."

"Disagreeable?" again the father interrupted with a question.

"No," Tilda honestly replied, "on the contrary Josephine appears unusually sweet and reasonable. The trouble is, that one wild notion persists. She will study the harp. Alan, I wish you would see that woman yourself and speak to her concerning her mistaken influence over Josephine. She would probably listen to a man, but when I called—"

"You called," interrupted the brother, Tilda nodded.

"I thought it was my duty. Josephine positively refused to obey when I ordered her not to go to the woman's house again. For let me assure you that the people here think very little of such a stranger. When I called she was making a picture of herself draped before her harp in a green sort of a robe, and when I reproved her regarding the notion she had put in Josephine's head, she was as sweetly and stubbornly insistent as the child."

"Josephine really should be given her opportunity, she said. So I came away. There is no use trying to forbid your daughter this companionship. Alan, but perhaps the young woman may respect your wishes."

Alan hesitated, then decided that it would be wise to have some knowledge of his daughter's new found friend. Josephine was making one of her daily visits at the bungalow, it would appear quite the natural thing to call to see her home. So Alan went. Josephine greeted him in the garden, she was proud of her handsome father and led him forth jubilantly.

"Janet," she called, "Janet come here."

At sight of a white-clad figure in the doorway, Alan's disapproving frown vanished, while Josephine stared in surprise from one to the other. For her father's quick cry had been "Janey, my dear!" while her friend ran in a little rush toward him.

"You will not be displeased, will you Alan," she was saying, "because I stole a march on you and hurried on to meet Josephine. I wanted to win your daughter's heart you see, before she should know me under the unfortunate name of stepmother. You were far away Alan, it really seemed the most acceptable way of spending my time. And I have discovered a secret for you, one that will not keep another moment. Your daughter has great musical ability. Alan, I am very certain of this, and you must give her an opportunity."

"But," murmured Josephine, "I do not understand."

"Of course you don't," penitently Janet's arms unfolded her.

"It means dear, that your father and I met some time ago, quite accidentally, when he called concerning a certain suit for damages. My little brother, Laddie, had been almost crippled by a recklessly driven automobile, and the suit was brought in order to enable us to procure the best possible surgical skill."

"And while the suit was pending," Alan added, "and the little brother lay in the hospital, this girl whom I learned to love, took the harp which had been her pastime and with it, gave recitals here and there, so that Laddie need lack no help or comfort. And she was becoming such a celebrity, her line, that I thought I had better put my question, before her head should be turned by admiration."

"And so," Josephine finished happily, "everything has ended in just a perfectly heavenly way."

"Mamma," said little Fred, "this catechism is awfully hard. Can't you get a kitchyism?"—Baptist Boys and Girls.

Coming—DeMille's "Fool's Paradise," advertisement.

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### WANTED

WANTED—A kitchen girl. Inquire at Brainerd's hospital. 43-1fe

WANTED—A woman to keep house for invalid lady on farm near Ann Arbor. Two in family. Inquire at Record office. 46-1fp

### LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Bunch of keys. Finder leave at Record office and get reward. John Theurer at Republic Truck Co., Alma, Mich. 46-1p

LOST—A fancy hair ornament between Ford garage and Rosedale avenue. Finder leave at Beehive restaurant, Reward, Floesia Lucas. 46-1c

FOUND—An automobile tire and rim. Owner may have same by identifying and paying for this notice. Inquire 141 Grafton ave. Phone 808. Blue. 46-3p

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two heated rooms with bath adjoining, furnished for light housekeeping. Private entrance, 499 W. Center St. 46-1c

FOR RENT—Forty acres of land cheap. See H. N. Page, phone 37. 46-1c

FOR RENT—Modern eight room house on Pine st. Inquire Strand Sweet Shop. 45-1fc

FOR RENT—Two heated and lighted furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire 107 Allen ave. 46-1fc

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Cow for sale. Inquire 102 Riverside Drive. 46-1p

FOR SALE—Several gallons of pure maple syrup. Inquire Mrs. Burns, 120 Ely St., phone 781. 46-1c

FOR SALE—Electric flat irons at \$6.25 and up, curling irons, \$3.50 and up. Complete line of electric fixtures and appliances. Inquire Coryell Electric Co. by Lewis Hudson. 46-1c

FOR SALE—Good milk cow due soon. Inquire J. A. Bartley. 41-1fc

FOR SALE—Furn light store front and door. Suitable for small store or shop. Inquire Elkhart's Auto Supply Shop, 219 W. Superior. 4c

FOR SALE—Nearly new 3 burner gas plate. Inquire 292 Orchard St. 1p

FOR SALE—Timothy Hay, Call August Lindstrom, Box 7-3811. 4c

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FOR SALE—Read baby cab. Will sell cheap. 703 N. Court St., Alma. 46-2p

FOR SALE—House and lot. Will take auto part payment. J. D. Sullivan—44-4c.

FOR SALE—Brood sows. Inquire John Colburn, Michigan ave. Tel. 44-4c.

FOR SALE—A Fordson tractor equipped with pulley and governor, also belt and plows, all in good condition. Inquire of E. A. Durkee Piano store. 45-1fc

FOR SALE—Strictly modern eight room house in excellent condition, Washington avenue, St. Louis, on pavement. Includes three full lots, barn, excellent fruit and shade. H. J. McLaughlin, Phone 650, or Office Pollasky Block, Alma. 45-1fc

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### MISCELLANEOUS

FOR TRADE—A forty acre farm. Will exchange for good modern city property. Carl E. Harry, 250 Rockingham. 38-2c

NOTICE—I do all kinds of carpenter work, large or small jobs, also cabinet work and furniture repairing. Frank Hines, 112 Moyer Ave. Phone 19. 31-1f-2p

### HAD TO TIE THE YOUNGSTERS

Were Not to Be Trusted When Grandmother Dipped the Candles on the Old Farm.

There was another event that took place once a year in the big kitchen, so much more exciting than spinning that instead of being allowed to sit at liberty, with directions and cautions, we had to be tied to the table legs with a clothes line or we would have been covered with grease. It was a mysterious proceeding, which began with my grandmother spreading a space on the floor with Albany Journals, and Ontario County Repositories and Waterbury Americans. Then she stirred the contents of a brass kettle that hung on the crane, and took up the Waterbury Americans, cherished souvenirs of her native town, and replaced them with ordinary Repositories. Next she brought four kitchen chairs and set them on the four corners of the rectangle of newspapers and connected them with two poles. Then she stirred the brass kettle again and looked at the clock. Then she proceeded to bring in a large number of rods, each of which was looped with six twisted wicks, and laid the ends of the rods neatly on the poles. It was then that we were tied up with a little free rope allowed for limited range, before the brass kettle was emptied into the copper boiler.

And now the fun began, when my grandmother dipped the first two rods of wicks into the boiler of melted tallow, and we danced as much as the table legs would permit. It was two rods at a time and then two more, over and over again until the full-grown candles hung in rows, slender at the top and enlarging to a thick, pointed end at the bottom. It took some of the joy out of our young lives when the tin molds came and put an end to candle-dipping.—W. Henry Shelton in Scribner's.

### FEW DIVERSIONS IN JAPAN

Youngsters Work Hard in School, and That is Probably Their Life's Happiest Period.

Almost all forms of recreation known to boys in America and Europe are forbidden to the Japanese schoolboy. He is under social or economic bans that restrict his play for long periods to such dull pastimes as keeping a diary, writing and collecting postal cards and attending a young men's club—which has far less interesting functions than a club in America, remarks the Detroit News.

Some of the more fortunate Japanese schoolboys may be permitted to make a walking trip during vacation. For them the trip is a memorable adventure. The annual Opening-of-the-River festival gives opportunity to watch the fireworks and lighted boats on the Sumida. In the evening he sits in his room, gazing from a window or playing on a flute that costs 10 or 15 cents. Lantern processions, by which the Japanese celebrate their many special days, are another diversion.

This has resulted in calling school days the period of "bitter learning"—regarded in later life as the student's happiest time, because when he leaves school he marries a girl in whose selection he has no word, and must earn his living with whatever tools are given to him.

### Just So.

"Ah," said the professor at a football match, "I can see that success at this sport can be attained only by perfect co-ordination among the players, each subordinating his own individuality to that of the organization of which he is a part." "You may be right, but the main thing is teamwork," replied a football enthusiast.

### Reading Matter.

It is estimated that over 155,000 different books, pamphlets and magazines are published annually in the different countries of the world.

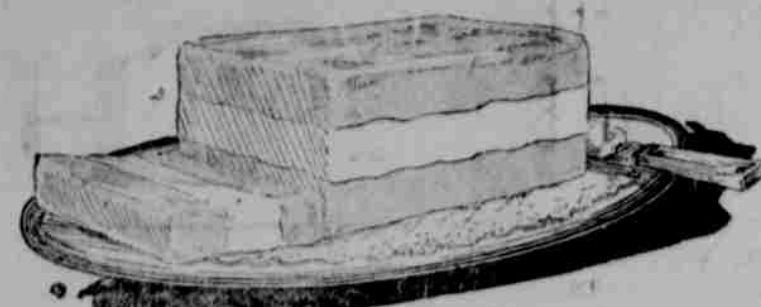
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7:30	1:00	Fare
7:45	1:15	Alma, Wright House
8:05	1:35	St. Louis, Park House
8:15	1:45	Breckenridge Hotel
8:30	2:00	Wheeler, Wheeler Garage
8:50	2:20	Merrill, Hotel
9:20	2:50	Hemlock, Restaurant
9:25	2:55	Saginaw, Fordney Hotel
9:30	3:00	Saginaw, Bancroft Hotel
		Saginaw, Franklin Hotel

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Fancy Whole Rice per lb.	7 1/2c	Argo Corn Starch per lb.	8c
Large Pet Milk per can	10c	Hebe Milk, large cans each	9c
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## Chats With Your Gas Man

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To those unacquainted with the facts this sounds reasonable enough but nothing could be further from the truth. The good will of the public is our best asset. We want satisfied customers. It is easy to see, therefore, that a friendly customer with a small bill is more to our advantage than a customer with a big bill who thinks he has been overcharged.

Of course, we cannot regulate the amount of gas that you use, but we can and do urge you to take care that your consumption does not exceed your actual needs. In other words, we want you to obtain complete satisfaction from your gas service.

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